

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit: 2861  
Carl Staelin et al. :  
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Serial No. 10/698,667 : Examiner Tinh N. Nguyen  
Filed: Oct. 31, 2003 :  
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For: **INK THICKNESS CONSISTENCY IN DIGITAL PRINTING PRESSES**

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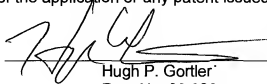
**RULE 131 DECLARATION BY HUGH GORTLER**

I, the undersigned, declare the following:

- 1) On or about 18 July 2003, I was asked to prepare a patent application on a Hewlett-Packard (HP) invention disclosure PDNO 200311281-1 entitled "A method for predicting developer voltage in an HP Indigo Press."
- 2) I did not begin writing the application until about Oct. 8, 2003 because I already had several other HP cases on my docket and had to advance those cases before starting the above-captioned application.
- 3) Between 20 Oct. 2003 and 30 October 2003, I had several teleconferences with inventor Carl Staelin, prepared several drafts of the application, and received comments from inventors Carl Staelin, Shlomo Harusch, Eyal Shelef, Daryl Greig, and Ruth Bergman.
- 4) I filed the application on 31 Oct. 2003.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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